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ASSISTANCE FOR MOBILEHOME PARK RESIDENTS

Mobilehome parks are cities in themselves with special needs and unique differences. As County Supervisor I have the opportunity to assist mobilehome park residents through awarding of funding to non-profit organizations dedicated to low and moderate income mobilehome park households. One of the outstanding non-profits assisting mobilehome park residents in the Fifth Supervisorial District is Mobilehome Housing Solutions, Inc. (MHSI)

MHSI provides educational outreach and financial information to low and moderate income mobilehome park households. The quality and number of services provided to mobilehome park residents is extraordinary. The primary goals of the organization are to provide outreach, education, dispute resolution and counseling to residents and owners on issues of mutual concern, and referrals for charitable rental assistance to low-to-moderate income mobilehome park households. The continued efforts of MHSI focus on mobilehome park living problems and solutions for all mobilehome park residents.

Specific activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District include:

- Distribution of education and information materials to residents
- Facilitation of communication between park owners and residents in an effort to resolve problems through mediation
- Outreach through personal visits and attendance at park community meetings when requested
- Coordinate with the private sector and governmental agencies on pertinent issues and programs
- Improve working relationships between park managers and residents

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Preview

September 26 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

400 North Pepper Avenue

Colton

Tours will commence in the main hospital lobby throughout the day.

New Program Available For Fifth District Mobilehome Residents

A recent enhancement to the services offered to mobilehome park residents was initiated by an employee of Mobilehome Housing Solutions, Inc. A proposal was made to assist residents over sixty-two years of age and those with low-incomes in filing for Homeowner's Assistance, Renter's Assistance and the Home Energy Assistance Program. This assistance had never before been provided on a regular basis and has proven to be quite successful.

During the month of July two mobilehome parks in the Fifth Supervisorial District were visited. At Littleton's in San Bernardino residents saved \$1,520 and at Miracle Mobile Grove in Bloomington \$495 was saved as a result of the new initiative. Countywide ten workshops were held resulting in a total savings of \$8,761 for seniors and low-income constituents.

The savings resulted from participation in programs such as the Home Energy Assistance Program, a federally funded energy assistance program administered by the California Department of Community Services and Development. HEAP provides assistance once per program year to qualifying low-income households to offset their heating/cooling costs. Another program residents receive information and assistance with is the Homeowner and Renter Assistance Volunteer effort. The program assists with property taxes, including those paid directly and those paid indirectly through rent payments. Property tax postponements are also offered through the program.

For additional information about the programs offered by Mobilehome Housing Solutions, Inc. contact Betty Davidow or Gretchen Lopez at (909) 984-2254 or 467-9671. The San Bernardino office number is (909) 884-8436.

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